

We're CARTagious Greensheet

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Know Before You Throw

The City of Lansing boasts a recycling participation rate of over 75 percent, that's great! But, we want to be sure that the items being placed in the recycling carts are acceptable materials. We are finding that even the most dedicated recyclers sometimes try to recycle items that we don't take. Here are the most commonly found contaminants:

- Plastic bags and wraps
- Styrofoam
- Coffee cups
- Lids and straws from plastic cups
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Window blinds
- Garden hoses



So, before you recycle ... Know Before You Throw!

If you get a bright yellow OOPS tag on your recycling cart, please promptly remove contaminated materials and avoid placing them in your cart again to avoid further contamination notices. Frequent notices may result in the removal of your recycling cart.

For the complete list of acceptable items, check out our recycling guidelines: lansingmi.gov/recycleguide

Here are ways to recycle some materials that you cannot place in a city recycling cart, such as:

- Styrofoam - find the location nearest you:
dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling
- Plastic bags - find the location nearest you:
plasticfilmrecycling.org/s01/s01dropoff.html

Recycling On The Go!

When you are out enjoying a picnic at the park or a ballgame this season, make sure you recycle! Look for the new recycling carts at Gier, Kircher, Ranney, Francis and other city parks. At home or at play, recycle every day!

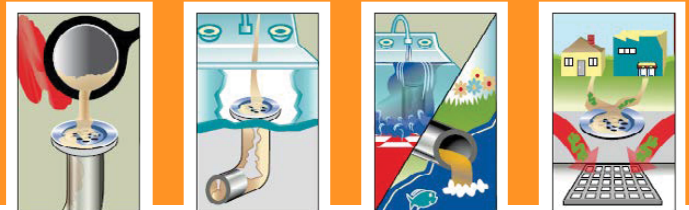


What Do I Do with Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)?

The City of Lansing is working alongside other local communities to educate restaurants, businesses and residents about FOG. What is FOG? Fats, Oils and Greases, commonly found in meat, fish, butter, cooking oil and food scraps. If not handled properly, FOG can solidify and stick to the sides of your kitchen drains and sewer pipe. Over time, FOG buildup can cause serious sewer backups. Some suggestions to prevent FOG buildup include:

- Avoid putting grease down the sink, toilet or other drains
- Pour all used cooking oils and grease into a small container so it can cool and harden. When the container is full, cap the container or cover it tightly, place in a bag to prevent leakage and put in garbage container.
- Consider dropping off large amounts at the following site: Grease and oil will be recycled into products like bio-diesel, pet food or cosmetics.

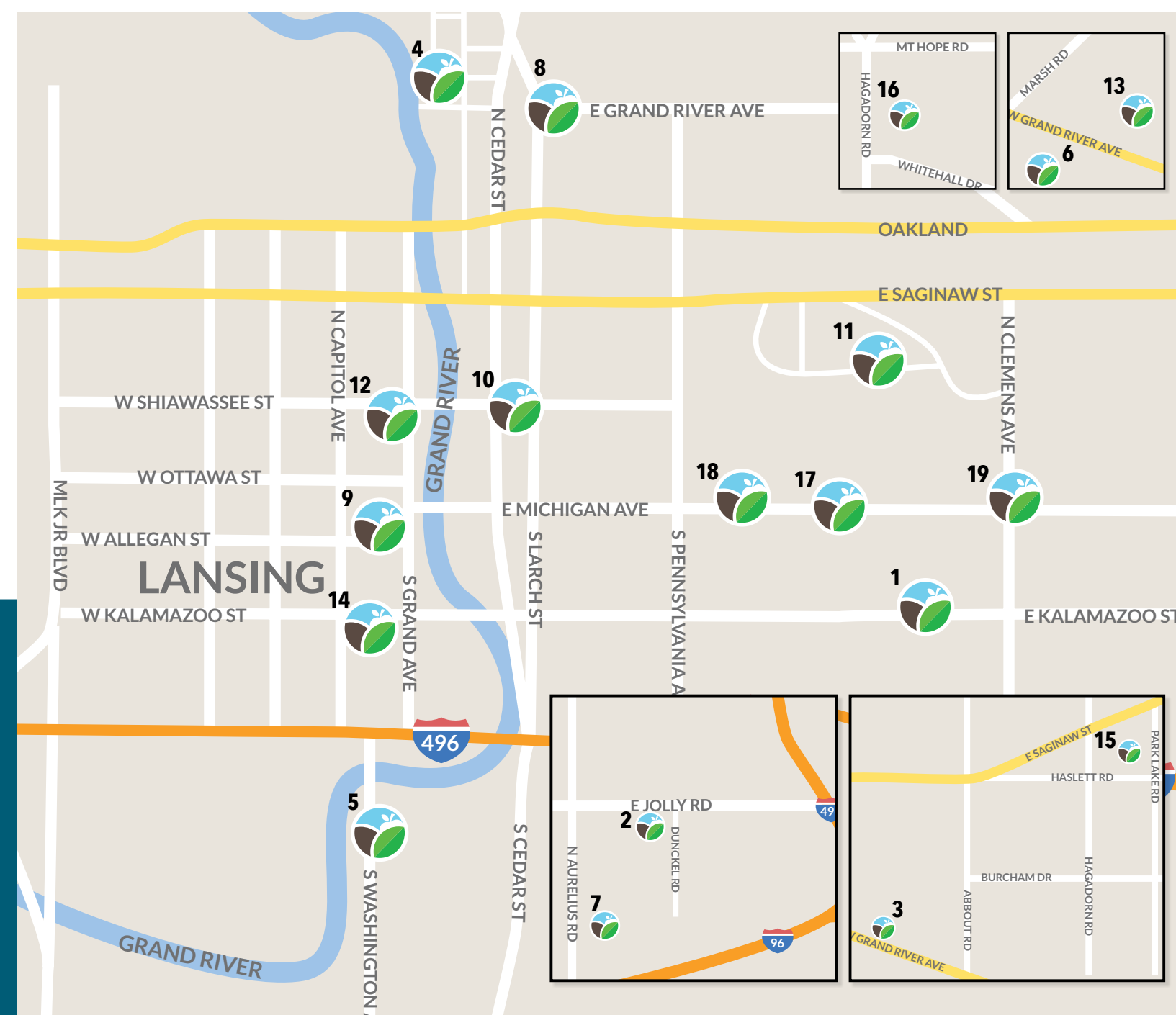
Delhi Township, 5961 McCue Road in Holt. Call 517-699-3873 during business hours (7:30am-4pm, M-F) to confirm drop off times.



Household Trash Services

We have something for everyone. From bags to carts and pick-up of large, bulky items, we do it all! In fact, the City of Lansing has been in the trash business for over 100 years. We provide a convenient and affordable service. For a complete list of service options, visit lansingmi.gov/trashservice





Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper and gift wrapping paper



Newspapers, Magazines, Brochures and Inserts



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers (no styrofoam)



Corrugated cardboard and Paper bags



Aluminum and Metal cans



Cartons



Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue)



Glass bottles and jars (all colors)



Household scrap metal



Phonebooks



Greeting cards, Regular and Junk mail



Bulky rigid plastic (buckets, chairs, toys)

NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs. Empty and rinse all containers. Everything, including cardboard, must fit inside cart with lid closed.

Please follow these guidelines and set your cart out by 7 A.M.

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, styrofoam containers, wire hangers, window panes, mirrors, ceramics and Pyrex dishware, organic material and food waste, electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.), paint, pesticides, oil and cleaners, waxed cardboard, needles or syringes, #3 plastics.

DOWNLOAD THE CITY OF LANSING'S NEW APP, LANSING CONNECT!

Download Lansing connect and sign up for collection day reminders, get answers to questions and more! Download here: lansingmi.gov/downloadlansingconnect



Search Lansing Connect on the App Store and Google Play

2017 RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT DATES

7/4 Independence Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
9/4 Labor Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
11/23 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed 11/23 and 11/24. 1 day collection delay.
12/25 Christmas Day - Office closed 12/25 and 12/26. 1 day collection delay.

Recycling collection is every other week using a green or blue week schedule. Find your collection week using the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com.

Save this Recycling Collection Schedule to make it easy to remember when to set out your green recycling cart.

Holidays that affect collection service are marked in orange. Collections will be delayed for those with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday.

For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, all Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

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Visit livegreenlansing.org, a one-stop resource to learn more about Lansing's environmental programs.

For more information on how you can take the steps to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle, visit us online at lansingrecycles.org. Here, you'll be able to sign up and find collection dates for recycling and yard waste, pay bills online, get reminders and important messages regarding delays and service hours, learn about special events and much more!

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